

## CALFRESH (CF) PROGRAM

### REQUEST FOR POLICY/REGULATION INTERPRETATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete items 1 - 10 on the form. Use a separate form for each policy interpretation request. Retain a copy of the CF 24 for your records.

- Questions from counties, including county Quality Control, must be submitted by the county CalFresh Coordinator and may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility for the county, with a copy directed to the appropriate CalFresh Policy unit manager.
- Questions from Administrative Law Judges may be submitted directly to the CalFresh Policy analyst assigned responsibility to the county where the hearing took place, with a copy of the form directed to the appropriate CalFresh Bureau unit manager.

1. RESPONSE NEEDED DUE TO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Policy/Regulation Interpretation <input type="checkbox"/> QC <input type="checkbox"/> Fair Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	5. DATE OF REQUEST: 07/11/2012	NEED RESPONSE BY: 0707/27/2012
2. REQUESTOR NAME:	6. COUNTY/ORGANIZATION: Riverside County, DPSS	
3. PHONE NO.:	7. SUBJECT: Excess Medical Deductions	
4. REGULATION CITE(S): 63-502.33, 63-502.331(e), 63-300.5(e)(7)	8. REFERENCES: (Include ACL/ACIN, court cases, etc. in references) <b>NOTE: All requests must have a regulation cite(s) and/or a reference(s).</b>	

9. QUESTION: (INCLUDE SCENARIO IF NEEDED FOR CLARITY):

Medi-Cal customers do not pay a share of cost unless they actually use Medi-Cal services.

1. Is the Medi-Cal share of cost considered an allowable expense even if the customer does not access their Medi-Cal?

2. If they must access Medi-Cal to incur the expense, is the expense the total share of cost or just the amount actually spent.

EX: If the customers share of cost is \$1000 and their doctors visit was \$200, is the allowable expense the \$200.00 the customer is now responsible to pay?

3. Does the expense/share of cost need to actually be paid before being an allowed medical expense?

10. REQUESTOR'S PROPOSED ANSWER:

Yes, the customer must access Medi-Cal to incur the cost. Per 63-300(e)(7) verification is required prior to the expense being allowed. Only the amount the customer is actually responsible to pay is an allowed expense.

11. STATE POLICY RESPONSE (CFPB USE ONLY):

- Per regulations cited at MPP 63-502.33, medical expenses above \$35 (MPP 63-1101) is an allowable expense, however share of cost is not an allowable expense if the customer does not access their Medi-Cal.
- The allowable expense is only the amount that the customer was required to pay.
- Per regulations cited at MPP 63-300.5(e)(7), verification of medical expenses is required prior to being allowed.

#### FOR CDSS USE

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DATE RESPONDED TO COUNTY/ALJ: